IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA VALDOSTA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

v. : Case No.: 7:22-CR-00027 (WLS-TQL)

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DAVID J. LONDON,

:

Defendant.

ORDER

Presently before the Court is Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Continue (Doc. 40), which was filed on September 9, 2022. Therein, Defendant requests that the Court continue the specially set October 24, 2022, trial in this case, to the next Valdosta trial term. (*Id.*) The reason that a continuance is requested is that Defense Counsel requires additional time to review the discovery with his client and engage in plea negotiations with the Government. (*Id.*)

The Court notes for the purposes of the record that this is the first time that a continuance has been requested in this matter. Based on the Defendant's stated reasons, the Court finds that the ends of justice served by granting such a continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A)-(B). However, the Court notes that its next regularly scheduled term of court in the Valdosta Division of the Middle District of Georgia, is currently scheduled to begin on November 6, 2022. Given that this matter was only indicted on August 9, 2022, (Doc. 1) and that Defense Counsel "just recently received discovery from the Government" (Doc. 40) the Court has construed Defendant's Motion to Continue as a Motion to Continue the trial of this matter to its February 2023 term of Court.

Accordingly, for good cause shown, Defendant's Motion to Continue this matter to the February 2023 term of Court is **GRANTED**. (Doc. 40.) The Court hereby **ORDERS** that the trial in the above-referenced matter be **CONTINUED** to the Valdosta Division February 2022 term and its conclusion, or as may otherwise be ordered by the Court.

Furthermore, it is **ORDERED** that the time lost under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3161, be **EXCLUDED** pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7) because the Court has continued the trial in this case and finds that the failure to grant a continuance would likely result in a miscarriage of justice. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i). If Defendant does not agree with this Court's construction of Defendant's Motion, Defendant shall immediately file an notice thereof.

The September 28, 2022, pretrial conference is **CANCELLED**.

SO ORDERED, this <u>13th</u> day of September 2022.

/s/ W. Louis Sands
W. LOUIS SANDS, SR. JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT